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and they appear to have made frequent representations to shift the site from place to place. He had therefore instructed the local officers to examine the proposal and select a suitable site for the anicut, to yield maximum benefits with minimum cost, without affecting lower riparian rights. The Chief Engineer now states that a further report from the Superintending Engineer is awaited. On receipt of the Chief Engineer's report, necessary action will be taken separately."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" காவேரி ஆற்றின் வாய்க்கால்களில் அநேகம் இடங்களில் மண் மேடிட்டு கரைகள் தூர்ந்து இருப்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ? அவைகளை மராமத்து செய்தால் இந்த பஞ்ச காலத்தில் பலருக்கு வேலை கொடுப்பதுடன் உணவு உற்பத்தியைப் பெருக்குவதற்கும் முடியும் என்பது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா."

MR. SPEAKER :—" நீங்கள் வேறு கேள்வியாக எழுதிக்கொடுங்கள்."

Direct recruitment of District and Sessions Judges.

* 135 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government recently appointed a member of the Bar as District and Sessions Judge by direct recruitment;

(b) whether the High Court was asked to submit a panel of persons before selection for the purpose and, if so, how many were in the panel;

(c) whether the panel contained members belonging to Harijan and Backward communities;

(d) if so, why a person belonging to Harijan or Backward community was not selected; and

(e) what were the special qualifications of the selected person?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) Yes. The High Court sent a panel of five names.

" (c) No, Sir. A special reference was also made to the High Court to give consideration to applications from qualified members of the Backward communities.

" (d) The High Court did not consider any applicant of these communities as good enough for the panel and so the question does not arise.

" (e) Sri S. Rangarajan, who was selected for the post, is an M.L. in Constitutional Law and International Law and was the recipient of the Wallace Gold Medal awarded by the Madras Bar Council in 1938. The High Court left all the five to be considered as equally good. Government are of the opinion that the person selected and appointed was undoubtedly the best of the five. The appointment probably means reduced emoluments to the gentleman. The High Court has said that he was enrolled as an advocate in August 1938 and commands an extensive and lucrative practice and

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is thoroughly conversant with Civil and Criminal work. He is therefore eminently suited to function as District and Sessions Judge."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, is it a fact that Mr. S. Rangarajan who has been appointed recently as District Judge was once appointed as District Munsif and after training for two months, he resigned from the post; is it right on the part of the Government to choose such a kind of person once again for this job? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, even a High Court Judge is in the same position as that; but that does not matter. The fact that he was trained only adds to his qualifications."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, the Hon. Chief Minister read out what the High Court said about the selected candidate. Will he be pleased to read out what the High Court said about the other candidates in the panel? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The suggestion is interesting, but I am sorry I cannot do it."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM :—" Is the selected person the first in the panel sent by the High Court? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have already said that all the five in the panel were considered as equally good by the High Court."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Did the panel submitted by the High Court contain the name of any candidate from the South Arcot district? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, the five names, as I have already stated, were put to us without any preferential allocation, and particulars of each one of them have been given. After the appointment, it is not desirable that Government should disclose the names or the particulars of the other candidates in the Assembly. These questions will lead to that result."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" Sir, is it not the policy of the Government to reserve some seats in the Judicial line also for Backward Classes? If so, do the Government think that nobody in the State from the Backward Classes is qualified for this post? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is altogether a different question."

Publication of S.S.L.C. Examination results.

* 136 *Q.*—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA (on behalf of Sri K. Venkiah): Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the results of the S.S.L.C. examination for the year 1951–52 were published so late as to inconvenience the students joining different courses in the colleges; and